

Establishing A Financial Records Access Policy

Referred to: The Laws and Rules, Governmental Service Committee (Chairman Richard Parete and Legislators Archer, Donaldson, Roberts, and Ronk) and the Ways and Means Committee (Chairman Gerentine and Legislators Bartels, Belfiglio, Briggs, Maio, Maloney, Provenzano, and Rodriguez)

Legislator Kenneth Ronk offers the following:

WHEREAS, §C-11 of the Ulster County Charter and §A2-5 of the Administrative Code state, “The County Legislature shall be the legislative, appropriating and policy-determining body of the County and, as such, shall have and exercise all powers and duties now or hereafter conferred upon it by applicable law and any and all powers necessarily implied or incidental thereto”; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to § C-11 (A) of the Ulster County Charter and §A2-5(1) of the Administrative Code, the Ulster County Legislature has the specific authority “to make appropriations, levy taxes, incur indebtedness and adopt a budget, including a capital program”; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature must actively participate in the oversight of the financial affairs of Ulster County in order to properly carry out its responsibilities under these two provisions; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature routinely makes financial decisions regarding the receipt of revenues, grant funds, state and federal aid and the expenditure of County funds in addition to the levying of property taxes and the adoption of the annual budget; and

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2012, the Ulster County Legislature passed Resolution No. 317 which authorized the execution of a contract with New World Systems in the amount of \$559,400.00 for the installation and support of an integrated financial management system software known as “Logos.NET”; and

WHEREAS, this new financial software enables the County to produce Budget Performance Reports for all divisions, departments, and units within County government whenever desired; and

WHEREAS, these Budget Performance Reports provide a real time view of the County’s financial positions in relation to the adopted Ulster County budget; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature deems it necessary to have the most accurate and up-to-date information regarding the income, expenditures, and account balances for all County divisions, departments, and units to effectively conduct its business for the County; now, therefore be it

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RESOLVED, the Clerk of the Legislature and/or the Clerk's designee shall be provided with appropriate computerized access to the Logos.NET software, and all necessary training therefore, to independently and at will, per the request of any Legislator, generate, print, save, and/or download the Budget Performance Reports for any and all divisions, departments, and units in Ulster County Government, without any additional approvals or other special clearances required, effective immediately,

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

Passed Committee: Laws and Rules, Governmental Services on _____.

Passed Committee: Ways and Means on _____.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

NONE